have been issued for the manufacture of synthetic detergents in the organised sector:—

Name of the Company	Location	Capacity
		(Tonnes)
1. Shaw Wallace & Co. Ltd. Calcutta	Binki Indl. Estate, Binki Road, Fatehpur, U.P.	10,000
2. The Dhramsi Morarji Chemical Co. Ltd., Bombay	Roha Dt. Raigad (Maharashtra)	30,000

The Industry has been delicenced with effect from 18th March, 1985.

Exploitation of Coal in Surendranagar

1433. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government had sought approval in 1980 for exploitation of coal in Surendranagar District of Gujarat;

(b) whether Union Government had decided in principle to give approval for mining and later on withdrew the same;

(c) whether any clarifications were asked by the Union Government and whether the same have been replied to by Gujarat Government and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether a final decision has been taken in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) In February, 1980 the State Government of Gujarat came up with a request for grant of mining lease in favour of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited for exploitation of coal in certain villages in District Surendranagar. They *inter-alia*, requested to allow the aforesaid State Undertaking to sell the coal to be mined by them on cost plus profit basis. The proposal was considered in the light of Central Government's policy regarding grant of mining lease for exploitation of small deposits of coal in 'isolated small pockets' in the States by the State Governments through their public undertakings but the same was not agreed to.

Vindhyachal Transmission Project

1434. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any hurdle in construction of Korba Vindhyachal-Jabalpur line of transmission;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government to overcome these hurdles;

(c) whether USSR despatches items of machinery in time for the project; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by Government to ensure timely and sequential despatches by the USSR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) The position regarding the construction of Vindhyachal-Jabalpur transmission line was reviewed in the meetings with Soviet Delegation led by the Minister for Power and Electrification, USSR during their visit to New Delhi in January, 1987. Both the parties noted that immediate measures will be taken regarding the balance supplies and completion of the construction of the line.

The Korba-Vindhyachal transmission line is not within the purview of USSR despatches. This line is scheduled to be completed in June, 1987 concomitantly with the commissioning of the first generating unit at Vindhyachal.

Delay in putting Transmission Lines

1435. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been some delay in putting more transmission lines in power grids in the States resulting in poor power transmission system, whereas lot of power is being generated in the power projects;

(b) if so, steps taken to set up the work of laying sufficient number of transmission lines; and

(c) whether there has been some snag due to management lapses and due to escalation of power projects, resulting in heavy loss of revenue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Transmission lines are by and large completed concomitantly with the commissioning of generation projects. Based on system studies, the requisite number of transmission lines are taken up for implementation, and their construction is closely monitored to ensure timely completion.

Commissioning of Salal Hydel-I Project

1436. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of Salal Hydel-I project original and revised;

(b) the problems in commissioning of Salal Hydel-I project and their solutions;

(c) whether the concurrence of Government of Pakistain has been obtained for starting to fill up the Salal reservoir; and

(d) if so, the likely date of commissioning of power generation units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The original cost of the Salal HE Project Stage-I, as estimated by the J&K authorities in 1970, for three units of 90 MW each, was Rs. 55.15 crores. The size of the project was, subsequently, increased to three units of 115 MW each. The revised cost, as last approved in August, 1983, is Rs. 490.45 crores.

(b) Work on the heading of the tail race tunnel has been completed except for a section of 31 metres of which 22 metres is in the shear zone, The cavities detected in the shear zone are being filled with cement slurry.

(c) Efforts in this direction are continuing.

(d) The commissioning of the project would follow the initial filling of the reservoir.

Installation of Small Turbo Generators

1437. SHRI M. PALANIYANDI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to avoid installation of turbo generators of capacities above 500 MW; and

(b) with the target of additions to the installed capacity for seventh plan for thermal power at 16,000 MW and for hydel power at 5,500 MW will it not be helpful to instal generators of capacity beyond 500 MW?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) On techno-economic grounds, a maximum unit-size of 500 MW capacity has been considered adequate to meet the Seventh Plan power requirements in the country.